

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)	For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
Jacobs, Paul E.)	EXTRACTING, DECODING, AND UTILIZING
)	HIDDEN DATA EMBEDDED IN AUDIO
)	SIGNALS
)	Cnfrm No. 3660
Serial No.: 09/805,679)	
)	Group Art Unit: 2135
Filed: March 13, 2001)	

ELECTION

Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Attention: April Shan, Examiner

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2008.

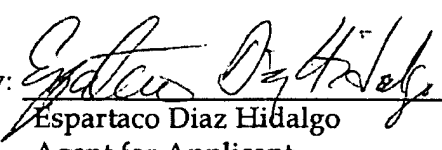
In the office action, the examiner advanced a requirement for restriction alleging three patentably distinct species of the inventions contained in species 1: claims 1 – 2, 4, 7-8, 10, 15-18, 24-31, and 38-57; species 2: claims 6, 9, 18-23 and 32-37, and species 3: claims 11-14.

Species 2: Claims 6, 9, 18-23 and 32-37 are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file multiple divisionals for the non-elected species.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests Examiner's reconsideration of this application with a view toward allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent if a telephone call could help solve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

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